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SUBJECT: CANADIAN EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER FOR UNEF

1. IN COURSE OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE NOVEMBER 14 ON
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNEF DEFENSE MINISTER RICHARDSON
GAVE CAPSULE SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AND QUIPMENT BEING
COMMITTED TO UNEF. EXTRACT FROM DEFMIN RICHARDSON
ADDRESS IN PARLIAMENT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: TO MEET THE UNITED NATIONS REQUEST, WE ARE
BUILDING A CONTINGENT AROUND THE 1ST CANADIAN SIGNALS
REGIMENT. WE ARE STILL DISCUSSING WITH THE UNITED
NATIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL
TO CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES IN THE SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS
FIELD, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE PROVISION OF A SMALL AIR
TRANSPORT UNIT. BUT I WISH NOW TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY
ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR AGREED TO DO.

THE 1ST CANADIAN SIGNALS REGIMENT, WHICH IS
STATIONED IN KINGSTON, WILL BE AUGMENTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL AND OTHER EXPERIENCED COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL
FROM MANY OF OUR UNITS ACROSS CANADA. ALTOGETHER, THE
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CANADIAN SIGNALS UNIT AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PERSON-

EL, WILL NUMBER 481 OFFICERS AND MEN. THERE WILL, IN FACT,
BE 46 OFFICERS AND 435 OTHER PERSONNEL.

OUR SIGNALS UNIT WILL TAKE ITS OWN COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. MOST OF THIS EQUIPMENT,
WHICH CONSISTS OF RADIOS, TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND A TELE-
TYPE CAPABILITY, IS MOBILE AND IS REGULARLY INSTALLED AND
CARRIED INSIDE COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLES. FOR THIS REASON,
MORE THAN 100 CANADIAN VEHICLES WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE
MIDDLE EAST. THESE ARE MADE UP APPROXIMATELY OF 30 JEEPS,
44 THREE-QUARTER TON TRUCKS AND 32 TWO AND A HALF TON
TRUCKS, MOST OF THEM, AS I HAVE SAID, CONTAINING COMMUNI-
CATIONS EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SOME 40 TRAILERS
OF WHICH 16 ARE JEEP TRAILERS, 17 ARE THREE-QUARTER TON
TRAILERS, AND 7 ARE ONE AND A HALF TON TRAILERS. WE ARE
ALSO TAKING 4 FORK LIFT TRUCKS AND ONE LARGE TOW TRUCK.

IN ADDITION TO THIS SOMEWHAT SOPHISTICATED AND EX-
TREMELY USEFUL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, WE WILL BE TAKING
OTHER SUPPLIES THAT WILL ENABLE THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT
TO BE TOTALLY SELF SUFFICIENT FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST 30
DAYS OF THEIR STAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. TO ACHIEVE THIS
SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE FIELD, OUR PERSONNEL ARE TAKING
30 DAYS RATIONS, FIELD KITCHENS, A CENTRAL COOKING UNIT
AND WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE
ENOUGH TENTS TO ENABLE THE WHOLE CONTINGENT TO LIVE AND
WORK UNDER CANVAS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE WITH THEM THEIR
OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATING UNITS AND BATTERIES. ALTHOGETHER
WE WILL BE MOVING SOME 200 TONS OF EQUIPMENT, AND THAT
IS NOT INCLUDING THE VEHICLES.

OUR PERSONNEL, TOGETHER WITH THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT I HAVE JUST ENUMERATED, WILL
BE TRANSPORTED TO THE MIDDLE EAST BY AIRCRAFT FROM
CANADA'S AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND. MOST OF THE PERSONNEL
WILL BE CARRIED IN OUR BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT AND MOST OF
THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE MOVED IN HERCULES AIRCRAFT. FOR
THIS AIRLIFT WE WILL BE USING TWO BOEING 707'S AND 15
C-130 HERCULES AIRCRAFT. DURING THE FIRST 10 DAYS WE
PLAN IN TOTAL SEVEN ROUND TRIPS FOR THE BOEINGS AND 41
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ROUND TRIPS FOR THE HERCULES FLEET. THE FLYING TIME FOR
A BOEING FROM TRENTON TO CAIRO IS 12 HOURS--THAT IS
FLYING TIME, NOT TOTAL LAPSED TIME--AND 18 HOURS FOR
A HERCULES. OUR FIRST FLIGHTS BEGAN ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 10 AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT
IN PLACE AND OPERATING NEXT MONDAY, THE 19TH OF THIS
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